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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 04853.0048-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re / | Application of: |) |
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| | Sigeyuki YOKOYAMA et al. |) Group Art Unit: 1652 |
| Application No.: 09/697,186 | |) Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr |
| Filed: | October 27, 2000 |)) |
| For: | A MUTANT KANAMYCIN NUCLEOTIDYLTRANSFERASE AND A METHOD OF SCREENING THERMOPHILIC BACTERIA USING THE SAME |) Mail Stop AF))))) |
| Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | | |
| Sir: | | |

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of April 4, 2003. A fee of \$540.00 is enclosed as the difference of the two month extension of time fee paid on September 3, 2003.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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